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SUBJECT: STUDENT STRIKE CONTINUES AND WIDENS

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1. STUDENT STRIKE REPORTED REFTEL HAS WIDENED IN PAST 24 HOURS TO INCLUDE SEVERAL OF THE LARGER SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL SCHOOLS IN ABIDJAN. RIOT POLICE AND TROOPS MOVED ONTO COMPOUNDS OF LYCEE TECHNIQUE AND LYCEE CLASSIQUE, BOTH OF WHICH INSTITUTIONS EFFECTIVELY CLOSED FOR THE PAST TWO DAYS. POLICE ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SWEEPED DORMITORIES OF SEVERAL LARGER SCHOOLS TAKING AWAY BOARDERS FOR QUESTIONING AND TEMPORARY DETENTION, APPARENTLY ON THE THEORY THAT BOARDING STUDENTS MORE LIKELY TO CAUSE TROUBLE THAN THOSE LIVING AT HOME.

2. AFTER REPORTS OF SCATTERED INCIDENTS OF MINOR VIOLENCE DURING MIDDAY JANUARY 12, SITUATION HAS BEEN CLAM
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SINCE THEN WITH MASSIVE PRESENCE OF POLICE AND TROOPS CLEARLY IN CONTROL.

3. TOTAL BLACKOUT OF ANY NEWS OF STUDENT UNREST CONTINUES. GOIC MAY FEAR THAT PUBLICATIN OF EVENTS COULD CAUSE STUDENT UNREST TO SPREAD TO OTHER PARTS OF COUNTRY AS WAS THE PATTERN IN 1969 AND 1971. EMBASSY HAS HEARD ONE

UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF STUDENT UNREST IN BOUAKE, IVORY
COAST'S SECOND LARGEST CITY 250 MILES UPCOUNTRY.

4. COMMENT. IT IS UNLIKELY SITUATION WILL BE RESOLVED
PRIOR TO RETURN OF PRESIDENT HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY FROM LOME
EXPECTED DURING WEEKEND. AS OF PRESENT GOIC CLEARLY IN
CONTROL OF SITUATION. STEARNS

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